

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 through 24 (Cancelled).

II. REPLY TO REJECTION OF CLAIM 1 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,989,933 (“933”) to Duguay, et al. (“Duguay”) or by U.S. Patent No. 5,106,181 (“181”) to Rockwell, III (“Rockwell”). In reply, Applicant has cancelled Claim 1 without prejudice to prosecuting the claim in a subsequent patent application filed at a later date.

III. REPLY TO REJECTION OF CLAIMS 2-24 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 2-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,106,181 (“181”) to Rockwell, III (“Rockwell”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,969,343 (“343”) to Nakamura, et al. (“Nakamura”). In reply, Applicant has cancelled Claims 2-24 without prejudice to prosecuting each claim in a subsequent patent application filed at a later date.